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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the final Office Action dated September 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. An Information Disclosure Statement and Request for Continued Examination accompany this response. Applicants also submit a Terminal Disclaimer over two pending U.S. applications and an English-language translation of a German priority document.

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